



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	January 10, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$12.27	\$7.77	\$11.68	\$20.32
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$72.26	\$70.12	\$70.64	\$79.08
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	74.66	72.94	74.66	76.64
This Week's Marketed Hogs	71.05	69.63	66.40	77.15
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	143.26	141.51	143.26	145.49
This Week's Marketed Hogs	139.82	138.37	135.08	146.32
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	66.32	65.51	66.32	67.36
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.58	66.52	65.26	69.67
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$31.32	\$41.34	\$46.26	\$10.93
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	72.26	70.12	70.64	79.08
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	92.10	94.60	97.25	89.72
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.41	12.41	12.47	11.89
	January 10, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,683,000	2,228,000	2,732,915	2,533,809
Market Hogs	2,634,706	2,187,896	2,664,592	2,467,930
Plant Capacity Utilization	101.8%	84.5%	102.9%	95.3%
Sows	42,928	35,648	65,590	60,811
Pork Production	586.0	487.1	597.6	553.2
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	218	219	219	218
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	52.1%	51.5%	52.1%	52.7%
Against this Week's Marketing	50.8%	50.3%	49.2%	52.7%
Annual Projections - January 13, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$48.77	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$16.19	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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